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UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

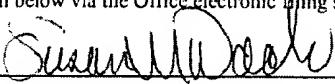
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Signed by: Susan M. Dacko

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under
37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

Fees

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PATENT ISSUE FEE

The issue fee for this case was paid on April 26, 2007.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

August 27, 2007

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